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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 04-032

TO: Superintendents, Business Managers, Administrators, Head teachers

FROM: Philip Williams, Deputy Associate Superintendent for School Finance

DATE: March 2, 2004

SUBJECT: Instructional Improvement Fund Allocation

The calculations for payment of the 3rd quarter revenues of the fiscal year 2004 Instructional Improvement Fund (IIF, Indian Gaming revenues) are complete. This payment includes 3rd quarter revenues. One additional quarterly payment is anticipated this fiscal year. The amounts cannot be determined at this time.

Actual receipt of payment by districts and charters is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2004. Any changes due to student count corrections or updates will be made retroactively (to payment 1) as those corrections or updates become available for payment calculation. As the IIF is a quarterly distribution, corrections of updates to payments cannot be made until the 4th quarter's distribution is made.

The report detailing the counts used to determine allocation of the Instructional Improvement Fund is available at http://www.ade.az.gov/districts. All monies received for the Instructional Improvement Fund have been distributed based on each district or charter's *unweighted* attending student count.

These funds may be expended according to A.R.S.§15-979 (D) & (E)

A.R.S.§15-979

- D. Each school district and charter school may utilize up to fifty percent of the amount of monies determined pursuant to subsection C for teacher compensation increases and class size reduction as provided in section 15-977.
- E. Monies that are not utilized as provided in subsection D shall be utilized for the following maintenance and operation purposes:
 - 1. Dropout prevention programs.
- 2. Instructional improvement programs including programs to develop minimum reading skills for students by the end of third grade.

If you have questions concerning your calculated payment, e-mail the School Finance inbox at SchoolFinance@ade.az.gov or call 602-542-5695.